

are the ones that stand out in any setting—church, school, community, and country.

South Alabama suffers the loss of Petty Officer Drew Knight, a native son who loved his country and helping others. We grieve with his family and we stand with them and the entire United States Coast Guard family.

To quote the words of the Coast Guard hymn,

Eternal Father, Lord of hosts,
Watch o'er the men who guard our coasts.
Protect them from the raging seas
And give them light and life and peace.
Grant them from Thy great throne above
The shield and shelter of Thy love.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and a grateful nation, I offer condolences to Petty Officer Knight's mother and father, Ken and Becky Knight, his brother, Todd, as well as his extended family and many friends. You are each in our thoughts and prayers.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MICA CORPORATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the 50th anniversary of MICA Corporation—a family-owned company based in Fort Worth, Texas. Back in 1962, two ambitious men named Mickey Stewart and Cayce Tubb had a vision for their futures and a plan for success. Together, they established the MICA Corporation to perform highway guard-rail contract work. Over the years, MICA Corporation has remained on the cutting edge of Texas highway construction and become a well-known and highly respected state-wide company. L.C. Tubb, son of co-founder Cayce Tubb and the current owner of MICA Corporation, has flown all of his employees to Washington, DC to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this great company. I am very proud of what this company has accomplished over the years and pleased that it calls Fort Worth home. Today, I want to welcome L.C. and the many dedicated employees of MICA Corporation to Washington, DC. I want to congratulate everyone at MICA Corporation on achieving this milestone, and wish them many, many more years of success.

ESSAY BY LESLIE LOPEZ

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great Nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Leslie Lopez is a junior at Pasadena Memorial High School in Harris County, Texas. Her essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country. Leslie chose September 11th, 2001.

September eleventh is a day that will be remembered for ages to come by citizens in our nation. The long-lived memorable event marked not only the lives of the people, but our entire country as a whole. The attacks of that date affected the nation's economy, took our peace of mind, and caused us to enforce anti-terrorism policies that till this day have not changed.

The attacks had a significant economic impact on the United States and world markets. The stock exchange remained closed for several days in the aftermath; the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell significantly; in only three months after the occurrence, nearly 430,000 jobs were lost as well as millions of dollars in wages. The small businesses in Lower Manhattan were affected as well. A staggering 18,000 of those were destroyed or replaced, resulting in a loss of jobs and wages. The events of September eleventh most definitely left its mark on the nation's economy.

The tragedy also affected the country's peace of mind. People felt as if not even homes or schools were then longer safe. Recalling back to that date, I was only a child and could not understand why every adult parent and teacher seemed paranoid at what was happening in New York. What seemed like weeks after went by and the occurrence was still fresh on everyone's minds. Till this day, citizens have not completely reinstated that peace of mind they once had, and it will continue to be this way for years to come.

With the 9-11 attacks came new anti-terrorism policies which did not exist prior to the date. The Department of Homeland Security, for example, was created a couple of years after the occurrence to protect the states against terrorism activity. The attacks also indirectly caused the War in Afghanistan as an effort to dismantle the al-Qaeda terrorist organization, which was also set into motion only a month after the attacks on the World Trade Center.

The changes that the 9-11 attacks caused brought drastic changes to the United States and the grand scheme of things, the economy, our peace of mind, and the anti-terrorism policies that were adopted were only a small portion of all that the attacks affected.

IN CELEBRATION OF REVEREND DR. WENDELL ANTHONY'S 25TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise and I ask my colleagues to join me today to salute Reverend Dr. Wendell Anthony on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary as Pastor of Fellowship Chapel in Detroit, Michigan.

In 1987, Reverend Dr. Wendell Anthony was installed as senior pastor at Fellowship Chapel. From that platform, he has been an unwavering voice for those without, guiding thousands in faith. He has educated and moved many more thousands in civil rights, economics, and politics toward the pursuit of justice and righteousness. Through his work, he has had an impact on the lives of hundreds

of thousands of people throughout the city of Detroit, and, indeed, across our Nation and this globe.

In 1993, when he became President of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP, Reverend Anthony ushered in a new era of activism and strength for the largest NAACP chapter in the country. That year, he led a quarter-million people through the streets of Detroit to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the historic 1963 Detroit March by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that took place before King's iconic March on Washington. Reverend Anthony has worked tirelessly to build connections between his congregants and the international community, particularly Africa. In addition to establishing a medical clinic in Ghana, Reverend Anthony organized a relief effort raising nearly \$1 million for food, medicine, clothing and transportation to aid hundreds of thousands of refugees in both Rwanda and Zaire in 1994. In 2000, he organized a similar relief effort for flood victims in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Reverend Anthony's work at home has been equally impressive and passionate, working on wide ranging issues of social and economic justice like insurance rates in Detroit, minority business contracting, and fairness in banking. As the former co-chair of the Detroit Fair Banking Alliance, Reverend Anthony helped to negotiate over \$7.2 billion in new lending from local banking institutions for the purpose of economic development in our region.

As founder of the Fannie Lou Hamer Political Action Committee, Reverend Anthony created an institution that provides a strong, organized and progressive voice in the political process, holding public officials accountable to work in the best interests of the African American community. As chairman and founder of the Freedom Institute for Economic, Social Justice and Empowerment, Reverend Anthony hosts the largest sit-down dinner in the world each year for leaders, activists and lay people from across the spectrum of society from education, to the law, to politics, to labor and beyond.

My colleagues, I could speak for a very long time about the good Reverend's work over the last quarter century with each accolade more impressive than the last, but I shall conclude my remarks by wishing my friend, Reverend Anthony, well and Godspeed for another quarter century, and beyond, of work in service to Christ and the community of mankind.

ESSAY BY ALLISON MOCK

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